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Pandemic Planning

Pandemic Influenza Best Practices

The US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has released [Pandemic Influenza: Best Practices and Model Protocols](#). The purpose of this document is to provide guidance for developing best practices and model protocols for use by State, local, tribal, and territorial personnel in the development of pandemic influenza plans, preparedness activities, training, and exercises. The content is a synopsis of input received from Federal, State, local, territorial, and tribal emergency medical services (EMS), fire, emergency management, public works, and sector-specific participants during a three-day forum sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Fire Administration on 23-25 February 2007.

HHS Pandemic Leadership Forum Mobilizes Employer, Faith-Based, Health Care and Civic Leaders

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) assembled 100 influential leaders from the employer, faith-based, civic and health care communities to participate in a forum to help Americans become more prepared for an influenza pandemic. The [Pandemic Influenza Leadership Forum](#) is part of a new national campaign sponsored by HHS, to encourage people to prepare for a possible pandemic. The Pandemic Influenza Leadership Forum in Washington, DC, was linked with an online effort by HHS to engage community leaders in talking about pandemic preparedness. On May 22 the agency launched a [pandemic leadership blog](#), which continues through Jun 27, to stimulate discussions and public feedback. A blog is an easy-to-use website where you can quickly post thoughts and interact with people. During the leadership forum, HHS employees "live blogged" the event, adding several detailed postings describing the presentations and



breakout sessions.

WHO and Manufacturers Move Ahead with Plans for H5N1 Influenza Global Vaccine Stockpile

The World Health Organization (WHO) announced that it is working with vaccine manufacturers to move ahead on plans to create a global stockpile of vaccine for the H5N1 avian influenza virus. The announcement follows a request by the World Health Assembly in May for WHO to establish an [international stockpile of H5N1 vaccine](#).

GlaxoSmithKline to Make Unprecedented Vaccine Donation to WHO Pandemic Flu Stockpile

On June 14, 2007 [GlaxoSmithKline](#) announced its intention to donate

News

New York State Develops Proposal for Ventilator Rationing in Influenza Pandemic

The New York State Department of Health has issued draft guidelines on the use of scarce ventilators during an influenza pandemic. The Workgroup on Ventilator Allocation in an Influenza Pandemic used the US Department of Health and Human Services scenarios on moderate and severe pandemics and baseline state specific assumptions to form the basis of their planning assumptions for the guidelines. The document, entitled "Allocation of Ventilators in an Influenza Pandemic: Planning Document," is available for public comment and can be accessed [here](#).

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50 million doses of H5N1 adjuvanted pre-pandemic influenza vaccine to the World Health Organization (WHO) in support of its stockpile initiative. The donation will help establish a much needed stockpile of pre-pandemic vaccines that can be distributed to the world's poorest countries at short notice by the WHO. Delivered over a three-year period, it will provide enough doses of vaccine for 25 million people at 2 injections per person.

HHS Awards Two Contracts to Expand Domestic Vaccine Manufacturing Capacity for a Potential Influenza Pandemic

HHS Secretary Mike Leavitt today announced the award of two contracts to expand the domestic influenza vaccine manufacturing capacity that could be used in the event of a potential influenza pandemic. The department has awarded two cost-reimbursable contracts totaling \$132.5 million to Sanofi Pasteur and MedImmune over five years to retrofit existing domestic vaccine manufacturing facilities on a cost-sharing basis and to provide warm-base operations for manufacturing pandemic influenza vaccines. In warm-base operations, the contractor does not shut down the facility.

Preparedness and Planning

Emergency Management: Most School Districts Have Developed Emergency Management Plans, but Would Benefit from Additional Federal Guidance

On May 17, 2007 The United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) released a report containing the GAO assessment of the roles of federal and state governments and school districts in establishing requirements and providing resources to school districts for emergency management planning. What school districts have done to plan and prepare for emergencies? The challenges, if any, school districts have experienced in planning for emergencies, and communicating and coordinating with first responders, parents, and students.

New LLIS.gov resource page on emergency planning for persons with disabilities

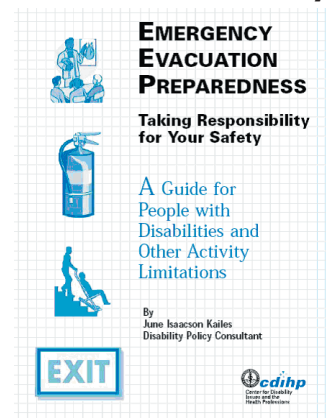
The resource page provides more than 250 documents, including lessons learned, plans, procedures, policies, and guidance, on how to include citizens with disabilities and other special needs in all phases of the emergency management cycle. A true one-stop resource shop for planners at all levels of government, non-governmental organizations, and private sector entities. To access the resource page, please log onto LLIS.gov and click on Emergency Planning for Persons with Disabilities and Special Needs under FEATURED TOPICS. This site requires registration.

Emergency Evacuation Preparedness: Taking Responsibility for Your Safety A Guide for People with Disabilities and Other Activity Limitations

This guide focuses on developing emergency evacuation preparedness plans that take into account the needs of people with disabilities and activity limitations. The guide can be downloaded in a variety of formats.

Disaster Preparedness Tips for People with Disabilities

These "Tip Sheets" focus on earthquake safety, however, they are useful for all types of disaster preparedness for people with disabilities. Much of the information is helpful in preparing for emergencies such as power outages, fires, floods, hurricanes,



nuclear power plant accidents, tornados, tsunamis, volcanoes, winter storms and very cold or very hot weather.

Exercises

The Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP)

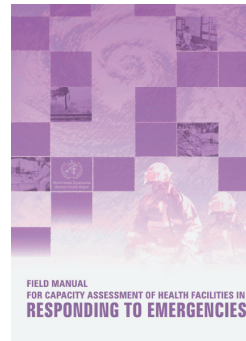
The Department of Homeland Security has recently released some additional guidance on what it means to conduct HSEEP compliant exercises. The Division of Strategic National Stockpile strongly encourages all health departments and agencies to adopt and utilize HSEEP doctrine and methodologies in their exercise design, execution and evaluation. HSEEP compliance is defined as adherence to specific HSEEP-mandated practices for exercise program management, design, development, conduct, evaluation, and improvement planning. For additional information, including compliance checklists, see the [HSEEP website](#).



Hospital Preparedness

Hospital Capacity Assessment Tool

[Field manual](#) for capacity assessment of health facilities in responding to emergencies.



Training & Education

Date/Time	Event Description	Location
July 20-23, 2007	National Governors Association (NGA) Conference	Grand Traverse Resort
June 26-29, and July 31 - August 3, 2007	Radiological Dispersion Device (RDD) Response DC's NCEH/ATSDR Office of Terrorism Preparedness and Emergency Response is once again sponsoring attendance at one of the nation's preeminent courses in handling radiological dispersion device (RDD) emergencies. The course is designed to put medical personnel, emergency planners and law enforcement professionals together to exchange ideas and learn more about the responses needed in case a "dirty bomb" is detonated in their communities.	Oak Ridge, TN
June 27, 2007 2-3pm	Live Response: Restoration of Lifelines After a natural or manmade disaster, essential services may be lost. Restoration of lifelines requires identification of communities, public sector, and economic entities affected by loss of energy and infrastructure. Live Response explores how emergency response and recovery activities are restored and essential lifeline services for affected populations are established.	OPHP Large Training Room (If you would like to attend, please call 517-335-8150 at least 24 hours prior to the broadcast.)

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June 29, 2007 1 - 2:30pm	Mass Shelters: Environmental Health Issues Hurricane Katrina was the most destructive natural disaster in US history and displaced over a million people along the Gulf Coast. Hurricanes are just one example of a catastrophic event when the public health workforce must be ready to set up, staff and manage shelters for those displaced by the disaster. Maintaining appropriate environmental health standards is one of many considerations for those responsible in setting up the shelters. Broadcast faculty will examine the example of two mega shelters set up in Houston in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Issues to be discussed include food safety, housekeeping and sanitation procedures, infection and outbreak control, pet shelters, and communication and staffing, including the screening and management of volunteers. For more information visit the informational website .	OPHP Large Training Room (If you would like to attend, please call 517-335-8150 at least 24 hours prior to the broadcast.)
July 9-12, 2007	Promoting Innovation: The Dynamics of Technology and Organizations [17.50s] Both public and private organizations are concerned with innovating to keep pace with a fast changing environment. Yet attempts to innovate are usually disruptive, cause internal dissension, and often fail. This course, taught by MIT experts and affiliates, explores failures and successes to identify strategies that can sustain significant innovation. For more information visit their website .	
July 18-20, 2007	AMA/CDC Second National Congress on Health System Readiness The purpose of the Congress is to bring public health and healthcare delivery sectors together to improve preparedness for an influenza pandemic at the community level. This is a partnership between the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the AMA. The congress planning committee represents a variety of national public health and healthcare organizations. For more information visit their website .	Grand Hyatt Hotel, Washington D.C
July 19, 2007 1:00 - 2:30pm	Pandemic Influenza Information for First Responders: The Basics The purpose of this broadcast is to introduce pandemic influenza information to first responders: what it is and is not, legal aspects and continuity of operations and how the first responder should use this information to educate and plan within their respective organizations. For more information visit their website .	OPHP Large Training Room (If you would like to attend, please call 517-335-8150 at least 24 hours prior to the broadcast.)
July 23-25, 2007	Combating Bioterrorism / Pandemics: Implementing Policies for Biosecurity [17.60s] The threats of bioterrorism and global pandemics pose new challenges for public health, law enforcement and national security agencies. All these agencies face new biosecurity priorities, including learning to collaborate with each other. Yet agencies have deeply embedded professional norms and organizational cultures, which resist change. MIT experts and affiliates explore the obstacles to implementation and strategies to overcome them. For more information visit their website .	

Other News

CDC launches vaccines & immunization website

CDC's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases recently launched its new Vaccines & Immunization website. The [site](#) features a new look, a new feel, and many more resources!



Learning From the Extensively Drug Resistant TB Experience

How the country treats people with contagious diseases is critical, says staff from the Center for Biosecurity. To read their statement visit their [website](#).



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